



State of New Jersey

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Adoption Resolution
September 13, 2017

**RESOLUTION TO RETURN NEWARK PUBLIC SCHOOLS
TO FULL LOCAL CONTROL**

WHEREAS, by administrative order issued by the State Board of Education on July 5, 1995, the State Board of Education removed the Newark School District Board of Education and created a State-operated school district in Newark pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:7A-34; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:7A-10 et seq., effective on January 24, 2007, the New Jersey Legislature, in review and consultation with the Joint Committee on the Public Schools, directed the Commissioner of the Department of Education to develop and implement a system for monitoring and evaluating the thoroughness and efficiency of public school districts in the State of New Jersey to be called the New Jersey Quality Single Accountability Continuum (NJQSAC); and

WHEREAS, NJQSAC involves an assessment of each school district's performance in the five key components of school district effectiveness: Instruction and Program, Personnel, Fiscal Management, Operations, and Governance; and

WHEREAS, the State Board of Education passed resolutions on October 17, 2007; June 4, 2014; and August 3, 2016 to return the areas of Operations, Fiscal Management, and Personnel to local control, respectively, while the remaining key components of school district performance continued under partial State intervention; and

WHEREAS, the State Board of Education passed a Resolution on September 13, 2017 to initiate the return to local control of the function of Governance and the function of Instruction and Program; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:30-7.1 the Commissioner has determined that Newark has met the factors for initiating withdrawal from partial intervention and a return to full local control; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that all NJQSAC assessment areas are now returned to local control or in the process of being returned to local control and the process for withdrawal from partial intervention shall be initiated forthwith in Newark Public Schools pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:30-7.2; and be it further

RESOLVED, the Department of Education, in collaboration with Newark Public Schools, shall develop a full transition plan pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:30-7.2 and 7.3, and hereby initiating the process of withdrawal of the Newark Public Schools from partial State intervention. The full transition plan will establish the framework for the return to local control of the district. The effective date of the return to local control shall be established in the full transition plan.

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